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Prior application:

Examiner: M. Brooke
Art Unit: 2853

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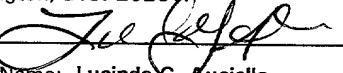
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REQUEST FOR A CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) a
 continuation application of:
 divisional application of:

Pending Prior Application

Application No. 09/262,872 filed March 2, 1999.

Title Fluid Ejection Device Having Mechanical Intercoupling Structure Embedded Within Chamber Layer

= Name of applicant(s) Dennis W. Tom, Juan J. Hernandez

Assignment Reel/Frame No: 9906/0367 Dated: April 19, 1999

Copy of Application

Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the drawings.
 Enclosed is a Substitute And A Companion Specification.

Oath or Declaration

Enclosed is a copy of the prior Declaration (37 CFR 1.63(d)).
 Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration (original or copy).

Foreign Priority - 35 USC 119

Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 has been claimed in prior Application No. _____
filed on _____ in _____
 The certified copy has been filed in prior Application No. _____
filed _____.
 A separate paper claiming direct priority to a foreign application is enclosed herewith. A certified copy of the foreign application will be provided in due course.

Relate Back - 35 USC 120

Amend the specification after the title by inserting the following heading:

--Cross Reference To Related Application(s)--;

and add the paragraph:

--This is a continuation divisional
of copending application number 09/262,872 filed on March 2, 1999,
which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

Inventorship Statement

() Delete the following named individuals as inventors in this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(b) as a result of a change in the claimed subject matter:

Appointment of Associate Attorney

() Recognize as Associate Attorney or Agent _____

Registration No. _____

() authorization is hereby granted by signature below of the Attorney or Agent of record

() the Associate Attorney or Agent may not have the authority to appoint other Attorneys or Agents

Communications

(X) Address all future communications to:

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Other Amendments

(X) Before calculating the filing fee, amend the prior application as follows:

(X) Cancel the following claims 12, 14-19 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes).

(X) Enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

Fee Calculation

(X) The filing fee is calculated below for (X) Utility () Design

CLAIMS AS FILED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY				
(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) TOTALS
TOTAL CLAIMS	39 — 20	19	X \$18	\$ 342
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	7 — 3	4	X \$80	\$ 320
ANY MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS	0		\$270	\$ 0
BASIC FEE: Design (\$320.00); Utility (\$710.00)				\$ 710
TOTAL FILING FEE				\$ 1,372
TOTAL CHARGES TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT				\$ 1,372

Charge \$ 1,372 to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17, 1.19, 1.20 and 1.21. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis W. Tom, et al.

By 
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